

NATIONAL SUMMARY OF MEATS GRADED
(POUNDS IN THOUSANDS)

CALENDAR YEAR 1997

12/29/96 TO 12/27/97

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QUALITY GRADE	YIELD GRADE					QUALITY ONLY	TOTAL QUALITY GRADED THIS PD	% OF ALL QUALITY GRADED	% OF TOTAL STEER AND HEIFER SLAUGHTER
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5				
PRIME	6,093	99,507	200,179	13,549	910	152,837	473,076	2.5	2.3
CHOICE	679,739	4,432,694	4,179,890	159,312	11,066	1,442,839	10,905,539	58.6	52.0
SELECT	1,247,272	3,481,640	1,451,322	22,388	970	1,024,498	7,228,090	38.8	34.5
STANDARD	47	143	18	0	0	1,074	1,282	0.0	0.0
COMMERCIAL	4	182	302	0	0	198	686	0.0	
UTILITY	87	2,958	2,248	2	0	403	5,699	0.0	
CUTTER	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.0	
CANNER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
YIELD ONLY	482,520	585,433	325,577	10,862	728				
TOTAL YIELD GRADED THIS PERIOD	2,415,761	8,602,557	6,159,537	206,113	13,675				
% OF ALL YIELD GRADED	13.9	49.4	35.4	1.2	0.1				

95.4% of Federal Inspected Steer and Heifer slaughter represents total Steers and Heifers Graded.

0.2% of Federal Inspected Cow slaughter represents total Cows graded.

82.0% of Federal Inspected Beef slaughter represents total Beef (Steers, Heifers, and Cows) graded.

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LAMB AND MUTTON

QUALITY GRADE	YIELD GRADE					QUALITY ONLY	TOTAL QUALITY GRADED THIS PD	% OF ALL QUALITY GRADED
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5			
PRIME	260	5,514	8,224	2,648	568	3	17,218	8.4
CHOICE	20,347	78,685	74,618	12,714	2,305	9	188,678	91.6
GOOD	43	0	1	5	0	0	50	0.0
UTILITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
CULL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
YIELD ONLY	86	96	30	3	0			
TOTAL YIELD GRADED THIS PERIOD	20,736	84,296	82,874	15,370	2,874			
% OF ALL YIELD GRADED	10.1	40.9	40.2	7.5	1.4			

VEAL AND CALF

QUALITY GRADE	TOTAL THIS PD	%
PRIME	9,468	13.2
CHOICE	61,538	85.9
GOOD	594	0.8
STANDARD	5	0.0
UTILITY	0	0.0
TOTAL	71,605	100.0

22.4% of Federal Veal
and Calf slaughter represents
total Veal and Calf graded.

TOTAL BULL/BULLOCK	1
TOTAL PORK	0

87.2% of Federal Inspected Lamb slaughter represents total Lambs Graded.

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	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5				
PRIME	8,244	134,636	270,848	18,332	1,231	206,793	640,084	2.5%	2.3
CHOICE	919,705	5,997,555	5,655,504	215,553	14,973	1,952,200	14,755,490	58.6%	52.0
SELECT	1,687,593	4,710,753	1,963,678	30,292	1,313	1,386,173	9,779,802	38.7%	34.5
STANDARD	63	193	25	0	0	1,453	1,734	0.0%	0.0
COMMERCIAL	7	338	561	0	0	367	1,273	0.0%	
UTILITY	161	5,491	4,174	4	0	749	10,579	0.0%	
CUTTER	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.0%	
CANNER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
YIELD ONLY	652,863	792,107	440,514	14,697	985				
TOTAL YIELD GRADED THIS PERIOD	3,268,636	11,641,073	8,335,304	278,878	18,502				
% OF ALL YIELD GRADED	13.8%	49.4%	35.4%	1.1%	0.0%				

LAMB AND MUTTON

QUALITY GRADE	YIELD GRADE					QUALITY ONLY	TOTAL QUALITY GRADED THIS PD	% OF ALL QUALITY GRADED
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5			
PRIME	3,886	82,365	122,844	39,549	8,484	48	257,176	8.4%
CHOICE	303,908	1,175,283	1,114,538	189,908	34,432	128	2,818,197	91.5%
GOOD	645	0	21	78	4	0	748	0.2%
UTILITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
CULL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
YIELD ONLY	1,280	1,437	453	38	7			
TOTAL YIELD GRADED THIS PERIOD	309,719	1,259,085	1,237,856	229,573	42,927			
YIELD GRADED	10.0%	40.5%	40.3%	7.6%	1.4%			

VEAL AND CALF

QUALITY GRADE	TOTAL THIS PD	%
PRIME	45,313	13.2%
CHOICE	294,512	85.9%
GOOD	2,841	0.8%
STANDARD	26	0.0%
UTILITY	0	0.0%
TOTAL	342,692	
TOTAL BULL/BULLOCK		1
TOTAL PORK		0

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